

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017 AT 3.00 PM

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

S Aspey	SE Baldwin	TH Beedle	JPD Blundell
NA Burnett	MC Clarke	N Clarke	RJ Collins
HJ David	P Davies	SK Dendy	DK Edwards
J Gebbie	T Giffard	RM Granville	CA Green
DG Howells	A Hussain	MJ Kearn	DRW Lewis
JE Lewis	JR McCarthy	DG Owen	D Patel
RL Penhale-Thomas	AA Pucella	JC Radcliffe	KL Rowlands
B Sedgebeer	RMI Shaw	CE Smith	SG Smith
JC Spanswick	RME Stirman	G Thomas	T Thomas
JH Tildesley MBE	E Venables	SR Vidal	MC Voisey
LM Walters	KJ Watts	DBF White	PJ White
A Williams	AJ Williams	HM Williams	JE Williams
RE Young			

Apologies for Absence

RM James, B Jones, M Jones and CA Webster

Officers:

Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Julie Ellams	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Randal Hemingway	Head of Finance & Section 151 Officer
Andrew Jolley	Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services
Darren Mepham	Chief Executive
Martin Morgans	Head of Performance and Partnership Services
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made:-

Councillor K Rowlands – Agenda Item 11, personal interest as she is employed by a Member of Parliament.

Councillor DK Edwards – Agenda Item 7, personal interest as he is a Chair of Governors.

Councillor M Clarke – Agenda Item 6, personal interest as he is a Director of Harbourside CIC.

Councillor N Clarke – Agenda Item 6, personal interest as her husband is a Director of Harbourside CIC.

66. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of Council dated 6 September 2017, be approved as a true and accurate record.

67. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

The Mayor

The Mayor announced that as Members were aware a lot of work had previously gone into forging good relationships with the Armed Forces and the organisations that supported them. In November 2013 Bridgend signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant and a significant amount of work was undertaken within Bridgend County Borough to underpin the commitment to this pledge. The Mayor had the pleasure alongside the armed forces champion, Councillor Richard Young, to welcome to the civic offices some of the longstanding partners at a “meet and greet” event last month. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the invaluable work that the different organisations undertook and identify future opportunities where work could be undertaken together for the benefit of the armed forces communities. The event was extremely well attended and a great boost to continuing commitment.

The Mayor announced that the fifth Bridgend Business Awards had taken place and it was lovely to attend and meet all finalists. She believed it was vital to continue to encourage local businesses and in the coming weeks she would be visiting some of the winners to see first-hand the excellent work that they did.

On the subject of celebrating local initiative, the Mayor was honoured to attend the annual “It’s my Shout” premier recently. This project originated from the arts service in Bridgend County Borough Council and now fifteen years later, it had grown to be one of the most prolific training and development schemes for the creative industries in the UK. Bridgend Youth Theatre which was run in partnership with “It’s my Shout” was one of her chosen charities so she was delighted when they performed on the night to their usual excellent standard.

The Mayor announced that she also visited the Liberty Stadium for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in the presence of the Earl of Wessex Prince Edward, and that it was an excellent evening. She also attended the Pavilion to see the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir with Mike Doyle as the entertainer and the Vale of Glamorgan’s Mayors Civic Ceremony.

The Mayor’s Civic Blessing was held in St. Marys Catholic Church, Ewenny Road and she thanked the Mayors Civic Committee for organising everything and also to the Dignitaries and fellow Councillors & friends and family who attended.

Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader advised that the latest figures demonstrated that Bridgend County Borough was still well on the way to achieving the new recycling targets set by Welsh Government.

However, the Deputy Leader explained, a concerted effort was being made to encourage more people to recycle from their bathrooms following research by the organisation Recycle For Wales. This had revealed that only 60 per cent of bathroom

items such as toothpaste tubes, shampoo bottles and cardboard toilet rolls were recycled compared to 90 per cent of kitchen items.

Across the country, tonnes of recyclable plastic, metal, paper and cardboard unnecessarily ended up in landfill each year, so the authority would be carrying out work over the coming weeks and months to remind local residents what they could do to brush up on their bathroom recycling routine.

The Deputy Leader added that following the recent announcement by the Finance Secretary, Mark Drakeford AM, it was clear that Local Government would have a challenging time ahead. He reported that officers were studying figures closely to protect Bridgend and front line services.

Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration reported that he was delighted to take part in a ground-breaking ceremony earlier this week to mark the start of work on the all-new £10.8m Pencoed Primary School.

As the current school was built in the early 1900s and provided separate infant and junior education across different sites in Pencoed and Heol y Cyw, the new premises would mean that children would no longer be required to cross a busy main road several times a day in order to walk between classes.

He explained that the new school would cater for up to 510 pupils aged between four and eleven alongside a 70 place nursery and facilities for children with special educational needs. The new premises would also provide associated sports and leisure facilities that could be shared with the wider community.

The project was being jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council and the Welsh Government's 21st century schools programme. The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration was looking forward to when the new premises opened in September 2018 as it would bring the whole school together on a single site for the first time in its history.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration also acknowledged a series of recent Estyn inspections on several of the local schools. Current performance and prospects for improvement were found to be good at Mynydd Cynffig, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr and Oldcastle, and adequate at Llangynwyd.

The inspectors made a number of positive comments across each of the reports, and he thanked teachers, staff, governors and pupils for their ongoing efforts. Work would now be taking place to address the findings of the reports, and the schools would be looking to capitalise on areas where they were doing well and take a closer look at where further improvements can be made. He explained that there would be a programme of support for Llangynwyd.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration advised members that they could read Estyn reports for local schools on the modern.gov site.

Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help

The Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help announced that the council held its first ever 'visioning' event for carers at the Hi-Tide in Porthcawl and he was happy to report that it had been a massive success.

Almost a hundred people attended, many of whom were previously unknown to the authority as carers, and the authority was able to give them access to information and support that they did not know they could receive. The event brought together people who were carers for family members, friends and neighbours, and asked them to look at the future of care services in Bridgend County Borough. Organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors took part to help develop a shared vision on how care services needed to be adapted and changed in order to meet future needs.

The Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help explained that the feedback gained from the event would be used to inform an independent report that would help decide how care services should be developed to meet future needs, and would give carers a chance to discuss what mattered most to them. One of the attendees wrote a poem about her experiences at the event, and if members would like to read a copy, they could get one by contacting Carer Development officer Kathy Proudfoot.

Cabinet Member for Communities

The Cabinet Member for Communities reported that it was with disappointment that he had to report that following the latest approach to the Welsh Government, it had not been possible to upgrade the proposed road safety scheme along the A48 from the reserve list. Despite the scheme being strongly supported in a letter also to Welsh Government by South Wales Police, he had been informed that the scheme, for the moment, remained on the reserve list and would be considered if and when funding became available.

He assured Council that he would continue to lobby on behalf of the scheme, and would continue to keep Council informed of any progress.

However, the Cabinet Member for Communities reported, work had begun to drill two test bore holes close to the former Caerau Colliery in Maesteg. Former mine workings in the valley could potentially offer a geo-thermal source of energy as they had filled up with water, which had an average temperature of around 10 to 14 degrees Celsius. The Council was investigating the idea of pumping water from the old disused mine workings and transporting it through a network of pipes to residents' properties in Caerau. The heat would be extracted and passed through a heat pump, providing heat for the property using its existing radiator system. The mine water would not, at any point, enter the homes of residents.

If results from the drilling proved successful, the project had the potential to make a huge positive impact in the Llynfi Valley and would undoubtedly prove to be an exciting time for the authority at the cutting edge of the UK's green energy revolution.

The Cabinet Member for Communities also made members' aware that a new pilot scheme had been introduced in efforts to reduce dog fouling within the Bridgend County Borough area. New signs had been installed at Maesteg Welfare Park and at the Woodlands playing fields in Pencoed to encourage all dog owners to be responsible and pick up after their dogs. The signs incorporated a supply of dog waste bags which could be used free of charge. The problem of dog fouling was frustrating and the authority was targeting these two locations for the purpose of the pilot due to the number of complaints that had been received about them being problem spots.

He explained that how effective they were in encouraging irresponsible dog owners to change their habits would be monitored and if they were a success, the authority would look at whether it could install more of the units at other locations across the county borough.

Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations.

The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations reported that ten years after the Welsh Government's Flying Start programme was launched in Wales, the success of the scheme in Bridgend County Borough was recently celebrated with the official openings of two more facilities dedicated to helping young children get the best possible start in life. She explained that Flying Start provided free, high-quality part-time childcare for two to three year olds, as well as an enhanced health visiting service, help with early language development and access to parenting programmes.

These latest additions were successfully operating at Lewistown and Garth, and they joined eleven other Flying Start facilities located at Betws, Blackmill, Brackla, Cefn Glas, Caerau, Cornelly, Maesteg Park, the Oakwood Estate, Plasnewydd, Sarn and Wildmill. The scheme was all about enabling and equipping families to be able to provide better opportunities for their sons and daughters, and the initiative was currently benefitting more than 1,500 local children.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive reported that there was a BBC story recently which claimed that Bridgend County Borough Council had made errors of £1.9m in calculating housing benefit. He stated that some members had expressed understandable concern about this, so he took the opportunity to help clarify the matter.

He explained that the £1.9 million figure was a hypothetical amount. The actual error amount was not much more than £3,000. The Wales Audit Office looked at the financial statements for 2016-17. They examined 45 housing benefit claims, and found errors in 11 of them. They then extrapolated that information across the total number of claims that the authority had processed, and through this they arrived at the hypothetical £1.9m.

The Chief Executive added that the reason why this figure was so large was because one of the errors they highlighted was actually quite significant, in the region of £1,889. However, a full two-thirds of the errors they found were for amounts that were the equivalent of £1 a week. Without that single larger error, the hypothetical amount would have been in the region of £400,000.

He stressed that he was not excusing the fact that there were errors. The authority strived for accuracy when calculating housing benefit claims, and the presence of any errors was clearly not good enough.

There were six underpayments which had already been paid to the correct value, and five overpayments. For these, the general principle had been applied of whether a claimant could have reasonably been expected to know that there would be a change. With this in mind, the authority was recovering the overpayment in three cases, and not pursuing it in two cases where the value was £24 and £16 respectively.

The Wales Audit Office had said that despite the errors, they could not detect any material weaknesses in the internal controls, and that it appeared to be a case of human error rather than control failures or weaknesses within the processes.

BCBC was still one of the best performing councils in terms of the time it took to process new claims, although it was closer to average when it came to processing changes of circumstances.

As regards what was currently happening, the authority was carrying out further work and testing each of the error types that had been identified by the Wales Audit Office. It was far too early to provide any findings at this stage, but so far, there was no discernible pattern to be seen other than human error. Management checks on individual claims had increased as a result, and targeted checks were underway alongside additional coaching, training and awareness-raising.

The Chief Executive added that on a more general level, the average housing benefit was approximately £80 per week, but could be as low as 50p or as high as £300 in some cases, for example, where specially adapted accommodation was required. There were around 16,000 claimants in the county borough. The total value of housing benefit accounted for £50m, and around 60 per cent of all housing benefit claimants were in receipt of 100 per cent of their rent. He reported that he would bring further updates on this issue as more details emerged.

Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer reported that following consultation with the Scrutiny Chairs of the following Committees:

Subject Committee 2 had been postponed from 09 October 2017 – to a date yet to be confirmed

Subject Committee 3 had been postponed from 25 October 2017 to 22 November 2017 at 9.30am

Both meetings had been changed due to the unavailability of external invitees, Kier and AMBU for the original meeting dates.

68. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE LEADER

The Leader announced that the authority continued to engage with partners about the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Finance announcement about the potential change to the Health Board that would serve the communities of Bridgend. The Chief Executive met with senior officials at Welsh Government and an outline provisional timeline was out for consultation in the autumn, a decision in the spring (2018) and implementation of a change if there was a change in spring 2019. Details would be shared with members when they were available.

The Leader reported that a draft 5 year strategic business plan was being developed for the Cardiff Capital City Region. Work by the Leaders and Chief Executives was continuing on the plan with the aim to bringing that to all members in all Councils this year. The focus would include developing a skilled workforce, creating an innovation district, increasing entrepreneurial activity and innovation, improving connectivity at a local, national and global level and creating the right environment and infrastructure to encourage growth. These aligned with the independent commission's report and the City Deal agreement with UK Government and Welsh Government.

The Leader thanked all the members from across the chamber that were able to make the consultation meeting with the Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language Minister, Alun Davies AM, 'Our Valleys, Our Future' in Maesteg Town Hall last month. Local residents and members alike made a very strong and clear case for the need for investment in all three of the valleys, the Llynfi, Garw and Ogmores. Officers continued to liaise with officials at the Welsh Government on proposals for a hub for the Bridgend Valleys.

The Leader welcomed the letter from Conservative leaders from across South Wales about the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon urging the Prime Minister to seize the day and give the scheme her full support. He explained that he had written as Leader of the authority, several months ago backing the scheme. There was now full support across the political spectrum and across South Wales. The project would not only deliver clean, green, renewable energy and a major boost to the economy but was a unique opportunity for Wales to take the world lead in the development of a new energy technology. He was sure that all supported this call for the UK government to make the decision.

69. ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

The Chief Executive presented the Council's Annual Report 2016-17 for Council to consider and approve. The Annual Report evaluated the Council's performance against the priorities set in the new Corporate Plan 2016-20. It also reiterated the improvement objectives for 2017-18. The Plan defined 46 commitments to deliver the three priorities and identified 58 outcome-focused indicators for the financial year 2016-17. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) identified how it would use its resources to support the achievement of the improvement priorities and statutory duties, including the management of financial pressures and risks over the next four years

The Chief Executive explained that overall, the Council performed strongly in 2016-17 and of its 46 commitments, the Council carried out to completion 32 (nearly 70%), with a further 11 (24%) that were mostly completed. The Council was short of meeting the target set for three commitments, namely, digitalisation of planned services, asset transfer to community groups and organisations, and income generation initiatives however it was recognised that a lot had been done during the year to deliver these commitments.

The Corporate Plan identified 58 indicators to measure success and 57 indicators had been collected for the year. Of those with a target, the Council met or exceeded the target for 59.2%, with further 12.2% missing the target marginally. Of those indicators that missed the target, 25% showed improvement, 45% were new indicators which made it hard to set challenging but realistic targets, and a further 15% were influenced by external circumstances. Overall, 74% of all indicators with comparable data showed improvement. Detailed information about the Council's performance against its commitments and targets was included in the report.

The Chief Executive referred to a number of points in the Annual Report. Under priority one, Supporting a successful economy, 722 local people had taken opportunities to succeed through Communities for Work, Bridges into Work and BEP programmes and registered businesses in the borough increased during the year from 4,440 to 4,540. Under priority two, Helping people to be more self-reliant, 3,879 individuals and families were supported through the Families First programme to help reduce child poverty. Under priority 3, Smarter use of resources, £5,625m of capital receipts were generated from the asset disposal programme, exceeding the £4m target.

A Member asked why the number of visitors to Bridgend and Porthcawl had been recorded but no other areas had been monitored. The Corporate Director Communities explained that only Bridgend and Porthcawl had camera counters so information was available for a comparison to be made. The Member suggested that if counters were installed in Pencoed and Maesteg then a true picture would be available.

A Member referred to the consultation exercise for those that used social care services and the figure of 86.6% of people satisfied with the care and support they received. He

asked if any follow up had been done on the remaining people that were dissatisfied. The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing explained that the exercise was a requirement of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and that they were now in the second year and comparisons and follow ups could now be made.

A Member asked what the actual cost of days lost due to sickness absence was to the authority. He was advised that this was almost impossible to calculate because sickness had a different impact across the organisation where some services such as social care needed agency workers and other areas could be covered from within.

A Member referred to the 722 local people that had taken opportunities to succeed through Communities for Work, Bridges into Work and BESP programmes and said that this figure should be recognised as a very high target and a great achievement.

A Member asked where we stood as an authority following the statement that Bridgend was one of the two most improved LA's in Wales. The Chief Executive explained that not all comparatives were included in the report and that the authority had not performed as well as in the previous year. There had already been a number of changes such as those to the GCSE system and more changes were anticipated.

A Member referred to the number of private sector dwellings that remained vacant after six months and suggested that WG be lobbied regarding the shortage of homes and empty dwellings. The Leader gave assurances that this had already been raised. Loans and grants were available but there still remained a hard core where the owner of the property did not want to engage. The issue had been raised with Assembly Members and through the WLGA and efforts were made internally to utilise power and resources effectively.

A Member asked how many local jobs had been created from the work to the Jennings Building in Porthcawl. The Corporate Director Communities did not have this information to hand but agreed to email the Member with the information. The Leader stated that he was encouraged by this project and that the businesses were owned by local people employing as many local residents as possible.

A Member raised a query regarding the figure for the revenue support grant and revenue funding. The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer agreed to check the figures and to report back to the Member.

The Leader recognised that there were further areas for improvement but he paid tribute to staff for the work they carried out and thanked them.

RESOLVED: That subject to any amendments by Cabinet on 3 October, Council approved the Annual Report – 2016-17.

70. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017-18 TO 2026-27

The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer presented a report seeking approval from Council for a revised capital programme for 2017-18 to 2026-27.

On 31st May 2017 Council approved a revised capital programme including slippage into 2017-18, new externally funded schemes and additional council funded schemes relating to the 21st Century Schools Programme. On 28th June 2017, Council approved that the Capital Programme be further amended to include funding for the purchase of a Civil Parking mobile enforcement vehicle which brought the total value of the

programme to £191.562 million, of which £125.404 million was met from BCBC resources, including General Capital Funding from Welsh Government, and £66.158 million met from external resources.

Since the programme was last approved, a number of new schemes had been progressed which required that Council approve changes to the capital programme. These changes were explained in detail in the report:

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The establishment of a Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) was a key part of corporate priority 2 – helping people to remain independent.
- Storage for the Data Centre.
- Desktop Computer/Monitor Replacement Programme.
- Additional PC's for Civic Offices
- Digital Meeting Spaces
- Brynmenyn Homelessness Unit
- Mayoral Vehicle

A revised capital programme was attached to the report and this showed a total revised programme of £175.031 million, of which £117.536 million was met from BCBC resources, including General Capital Funding from Welsh Government, and £57.495 million met from external resources.

A Member raised concerns about digitisation of meeting spaces, how well it would work and how £150,000 could be better used on other services. The Member was advised that equipment had improved and this would be a valuable asset that could save money. This was a facility that BCBC did not have which other authorities did have and it was important to keep up with this type of technology.

A Member suggested that the update could be rolled out slowly with a few rooms updated initially. If the equipment was effective then other rooms could be added at a later date.

The Leader added that the use of video conferencing with improved technology had dramatically increased across Wales and could save time for both Members and officers. Collaboration was increasing and this could save time and travel.

A Member asked if there was a policy to buy British products and if this had been taken into account when purchasing a new mayoral vehicle. The Member was advised that it was difficult to buy a British vehicle that met the criteria but all factors had been carefully considered when making this decision.

RESOLVED: Council approved the revised Capital Programme as set out in the report.

71. AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

The Monitoring Officer presented a report seeking approval for a series of amendments which had been made to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions. A number of administrative amendments had been made and the report consolidated those updates and advised of the outcomes of the subsequent review of the Scheme of Delegations which was undertaken.

The titles and portfolios of the Cabinet Members had been revised. The functions allocated to each Cabinet Member required some amendments to be made in particular Scheme A to reflect the changes to their responsibilities accordingly. He explained that a desktop review had been undertaken to ensure that the Scheme was up-to-date and fit for purpose. A number of revisions were required and were identified in the report using tracked changes.

The Monitoring Officer requested Council to note that a similar report was presented to Cabinet on 3rd October 2017 requesting approval of the amendments to the Scheme in relation to its functions. Once the approval process and call-in had been completed, the Scheme would be updated, published and Corporate Directors would be requested to update their Register of Delegations to reflect these changes.

A Member suggested that under General Powers of Chief Officers, section 1.7 should be amended to read “the tender that offered best value for money” rather than “the lowest tender received”. The Monitoring Officer explained that systems were already in place to establish value for money, the specification and quality before a decision was taken.

RESOLVED: Council approved the Scheme of Delegations in relation to its functions as attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

72. **APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL BODIES**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report requesting that Council approve the revised political balance and appointment to Council Committees and other Council bodies following changes to the political groupings of the Council.

He explained that the recent changes to the political make-up of the Council required a review of the political balance and updated Members on the current political make-up of the Council. The revision required the re-distribution of the committee seat allocation to the political groups as shown in the report.

The Monitoring Officer also reported one for one changes to the committees and panels as detailed in the report plus three additional changes:

Scrutiny Subject Committee 1 – Councillor Lyn Walters to replace Councillor Kay Rowlands.

Scrutiny Subject Committee 2 – Councillor Kay Rowlands to replace Councillor Lyn Walters.

Development Control Committee – Councillor T Giffard to replace Councillor C Webster.

The revised political balance did not affect the current allocation of Scrutiny Chairpersons to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Conservative group had nominated Cllr C Webster as the new Chairperson of SOSOC 1 and this was recommended for approval by Council.

RESOLVED Council:-

- a. Approved the revised political balance as shown in Appendix A to the report;
- b. Received nominations from political groups for any one for one changes to their representation on committees and appointed those Councillors to serve on these committees as

shown at Appendix B. Additional changes as detailed below were reported and agreed at the meeting:

Scrutiny Subject Committee 1 – Councillor Lyn Walters to replace Councillor Kay Rowlands.

Scrutiny Subject Committee 2 – Councillor Kay Rowlands to replace Councillor Lyn Walters.

Development Control Committee – Councillor T Giffard to replace Councillor C Webster.

c. Appointed Councillor C Webster as Chairperson of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1.

73. INFORMATION REPORTS FOR NOTING

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report, the purpose of which was to inform Council of any Information Reports for Noting since its last ordinary meeting, as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED That Council noted the content of the report.

74. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID WHITE

Councillor D White made the following Notice of Motion to which he gave an introductory speech explaining why he had made the proposal. He also asked that a Recorded Vote be taken on the Notice of Motion:

“Bridgend Borough Council has to make savings of £35.3 million over the next 4 years under the most likely scenario, due to the reduction being imposed by the UK Government, as a result of the reduction to the Welsh Government block grant funding. This is addition to the reduction in funding over the last 5 years, which amounts to £ 40 million. The unprecedented scale of reduction to the budget amounts in total to £75.3 million or equivalent of over £1000 per household within the Borough. Although, in my view this council has been subjected to a number of inspections over the last two years and no major concerns have been raised, which cannot be addressed and areas of improvement have or are being addressed. In my opinion this could put enormous pressures on our services and may mean we are unable to fulfil our statutory duties.

It is my opinion Bridgend Borough Council via Welsh Government should receive a fair funding from the UK Government, so this council can achieve its goals in manner that means that our residents, who we were voted to represent. Instead of facing reductions in budgets that are having an impact on an essential range of services and could play a vital role in the health and well-being of the people we serve”. He proposed that Council:

- condemns the potential £75.3 million reduction in its budget imposed by the UK Government, as a result of the reduction in the block grant funding from Westminster, to Welsh Government, which in turn means reduction to Bridgend Council budgets.
- campaigns for a fairer funding grant for Bridgend Council from UK Government.
- continues to be open and honest about the scale of the reduction and the damage they could do to our local communities.
- asks the Leader to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary State for Wales requesting fairer funding for Bridgend Borough Council and its residents.

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Following comments made by a number of Members on the Notice of Motion, an electronic vote was taken on whether or not a Recorded Vote should be taken on this Notice of Motion. The results were as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
39	2	2

Therefore Council agreed that a recorded vote be taken on the Notice of Motion, the results were as follows:-

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Cllr P A Davies	Cllr A Pucella	Cllr M Clarke
Cllr G Thomas	Cllr M Voisey	Cllr S Dendy
Cllr J H Tildesley	Cllr K J Watts	Cllr A Williams
Cllr D White	Cllr R Stirman	Cllr E Venables
Cllr N Burnett	Cllr L Walters	
Cllr R Collins	Cllr S Vidal	
Cllr P Davies	Cllr T Giffard	
Cllr J Gebbie		
Cllr R Granville		
Cllr S Baldwin		
Cllr J Radcliffe		
Cllr T Thomas		
Cllr T Beedle		
Cllr R Penhale-Thomas		
Cllr D K Edwards		
Cllr J Williams		
Cllr R Shaw		
Cllr G Howells		
Cllr B Sedgebeer		
Cllr J P Blundell		
Cllr C Smith		
Cllr D G Owen		
Cllr J R McCarthy		
Cllr M Kearn		
Cllr D Lewis		
Cllr J E Lewis		
Cllr J C Spanswick		
Cllr P J White		
Cllr D Patel		
Cllr H J David		
Cllr H M Williams		
Cllr C E Smith		
Cllr R Young		

RESOLVED That Council agreed to accept the Notice of Motion made by Councillor David White as detailed in Agenda item 11.

75. URGENT ITEMS

None

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm